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Januik repeats in 800



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Seaside senior Jackson Januik celebrates coming through the finish line first with a repeat win in 800-meter final Saturday.

Seaside's Hoekstre adds points with big throws

By DAVID BALL
 For the Daily Astorian

EUGENE — Seaside senior Jackson Januik wouldn't be denied in his quest for a repeat title in the 800-meter final at Saturday's 4A state track meet at Hayward Field.

Januik took a crowded path to the front after getting stuck as far back as sixth place coming off the initial turn.

"The race went out fast, but I knew it would come back to me," Januik said. "The pack was spread out enough where I was able to move my way up."

He came to the bell in fourth place and quickened his pace to join the contenders near the front. Coming along the back grandstands, Januik surged in front before the track curved into its final corner.

No one challenged him.

"I got to the backstretch and knew it was time to make my move," he said.

Januik was comfortably ahead heading down the shaded straightaway, stretching his arms out wide as he came across the finish line with a winning time of 1:55.86 — more than two seconds faster than his winning time last year.

"That was awesome, even better than last year," Januik said. "I'm so happy to be going out with a win."



Seaside's Gretchen Hoekstre sets for another toss in the shot put.

He is signed up to play basketball at George Fox University in the winter.

Other placers for the boys were Bradley Rzewnicki taking third in the 3,000, Juneau Meyer taking fourth in the 400 and Phoenix Johnson with a pair of third-attempt

clearance to stay alive on his way to fifth place in the high jump.

Hoekstre scores big

On the girls side, the Seagulls' Gretchen Hoekstre zipped to the top of the leaderboard in the shot put with a throw of 40-feet, 1.25-inches on her first attempt. She further distanced herself from the field with a throw of 41-5 when she next stepped into the ring — a personal best by more than a foot.

Her secret weapon — eating gummy worms before the competition. Her favorites are the green and pink watermelon worms.

"I came out strong and showed people that even though I'm a sophomore I could be competitive," Hoekstre said.

Her mark would hold up into the final round of throws before Siuslaw senior Carissa Oliver took her last spin in the ring and unleashed a monster heave that had everyone in the area watching the tape measure in anticipation. The result was a throw of 41-7 3/4 that pushed her into first place.

Hoekstra had one try to answer back, but her final attempt came in a quarter-inch short of the 40-foot line leaving her in second place.

"It's tough having the lead and losing it right at the end," Hoekstra said. "But it had been the three of us all season, and we're all friends out there competing in front of this big crowd — it was just a fun experience."

Six throws landed beyond the 40-foot line with Hoekstra claiming two of those.

Hoekstre also finished third in the discus with a personal best of 130-7.

Five years later, it's Astoria's revenge

Fishermen move on to state tourney

By GARY HENLEY
 The Daily Astorian

The Gladstone Gladiators returned to the scene of the crime Friday afternoon ... the "crime" being that day five years ago when they basically stole a game from Astoria, in a Class 4A Regional Play-in game at Aiken Field.

It was May 17, 2012, when the Gladiators rallied from a 6-0 deficit after four innings, and knocked off the Fishermen 7-6, ending an otherwise good season for Astoria.

Fast-forward five years and two days. Same field, same teams, same playoff.

In a Regional Play-in Friday at Aiken Field, Gladstone held a 2-1 lead with two outs in the bottom of the seventh.

A half-hour later, the Fishermen were gathered at home plate, celebrating a dramatic 3-2 victory.

"Today we showed up, and showed that we can persevere through anything," said Astoria pitcher Jackson Arnsdorf, who tossed a complete, eight-inning game to pick up the win.



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Kyle Strange makes it safely back to first for Astoria during a pick-off attempt during Friday's game against Gladstone.

And now it's on to the state playoffs for the fifth year in a row for Astoria, which will play a first-round game Wednesday at Estacada. Because of their first-place finish in the Tri-Valley Conference, the 14th-ranked Rangers will host the eighth-ranked Fishermen.

"I'm just really glad we got by this thing today," said Astoria coach Dave Gasser, who is retiring at the end of the season — which almost came Friday. "Wow ... that was a tough win.

I didn't want my last season to be the one where we don't go to the state playoffs."

The coach knew right from the start that it wasn't going to be easy.

"As soon as I saw that we were playing Gladstone, I thought, 'oh, crud.' Coach (Casey) Webster is in his 26th year. He used to be in the Three Rivers League. He's a really good coach, and there's certain things

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Warriors, Loggers, Jays score points in Eugene

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EUGENE — In the Class 3A/2A/1A portion of the state track meet (Thursday and Friday), athletes from Warrenton, Knappa and Jewell all scored points with top-eight finishes.

Warrenton senior Devin Bowser took eighth in the discus (121 feet, 1 inch), and freshman teammate Mark Warren had a throw of 142-7 for eighth in the javelin.

After taking fifth in Thursday's long jump, Warrior senior Tyler Whitaker was ninth in the high jump final (5-8), and had a best mark of 39-6 1/2 for 10th in the triple jump.

Senior Luke Liljenwall had the ninth-fastest time in the 800 meters, just missing out on points in a time of 2 minutes, 6.24 seconds.

On the girls' side, sophomore Fernanda Alvarez finished 11th in the shot put (30-0 3/4), while senior Taylor Owens (100-meter hurdles) and freshman Kaisa Liljenwall (300-meter hurdles) missed on qualifying for the finals in the preliminaries of their respective events.

At the 2A level, Knappa senior Devin Vandergriff finished her prep career with a sixth-place finish in the 400 meters (1:03.16) and 10th in the 800 (2:43.26).

Senior Chelsea Sapp was 12th in the triple jump (28-3 1/2).

In 1A action, Jewell junior Gabi Morales placed fourth in the 300 hurdles (49.98); Lily Kaczynski tied for eighth in the pole vault (6-6); and senior Sean Hinson had a throw of 124-4 for eighth in the discus.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY

Baseball — 4A State Playoff: Astoria at Estacada, TBA; 2A/1A State Playoff: Lost River at Knappa, TBA

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 Arnsdorf and Gohl; Saltares, Lee (8) and Lundgren. **W:** Arnsdorf. **L:** Lee. **RBI:** Glad, Lee; Ast, Strange. **HBP:** Ast, Wallace. **LOB:** Gladstone 3, Astoria 10.